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SUBJECT: AUSTRIA TO MAKE STATEMENT OF CONDEMNATION OF THE
AL-ASKARIYA SHRINE BOMBING

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1. (SBU) EconPolCouns raised reftel points during a February 23 meeting with Ralph Scheide, the Austrian MFA's assistant secretary-level director for Middle East and African Affairs.

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We passed Scheide the texts of statements by the President and by Amb. Khalilzad and Gen. Casey. Scheide said Austria would issue similar statements in its capacity as EU President.
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